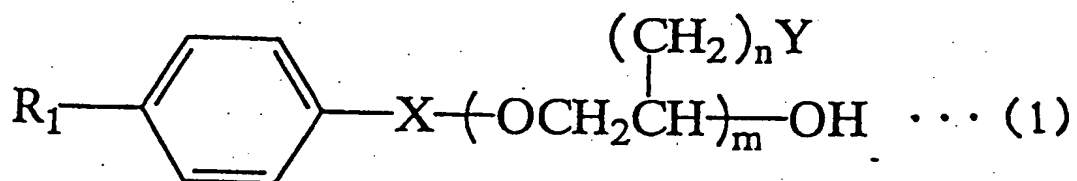


## CLAIMS

1. A method of applying a hair dye composition, which comprises uniformly wetting the hair, to which the hair dye composition is applied, with water in the environment at a temperature of 10 to 40°C, wiping water off to the extent that water dripping does not occur, removing moisture remained on the scalp, and applying an acidic hair dye composition to the hair in a wet condition.

2. The method of applying a hair dye composition according to claim 1, wherein the acidic hair dye composition contains one or more auxiliary hair dyes selected from aromatic alcohols represented by the general formula (1):



wherein  $R_1$  represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, or a methoxy group, X represents a single bond, or a straight-chain or branched alkylene or alkenylene group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, Y represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and m and n each represents an integer of 0 to 5, and n-butanol, an acidic dye and water and the pH is within a range from 2.0 to 4.5.